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THREE FEDERAL PROSECUTORS HONORED
WITH U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL AWARDS

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that three Assistant United States Attorneys from this Office are recipients of the 2003 United States Attorney General's Awards,

Assistant United States Attorneys GARY L. STEIN, BARBARA A. WARD and MARC A. WEINSTEIN received the John Marshall Award for Asset Forfeiture stemming from a criminal investigation into the illegal transfer of \$7 billion from Russia through accounts at the Bank of New York.

The civil forfeiture action resulted in the forfeiture of over \$19 million in this complex international money laundering case which involved two Russian banks and several foreign corporations. The Government alleged that the accounts served as a pipeline for the surreptitious movement of \$7 billion from Russia to fund illegal or suspicious activities around the world, including Russian organized crime.

Ms. WARD was a recipient of the same award in a different case in 2001.

The Attorney General's 51st Annual Awards Ceremony will be held at a special ceremony at the Department of Justice in Washington on July 30, 2003.

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